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23 May 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Finance Division

SUBJECT : Travel Claims of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 18 April 1955 to the Chief, FE Division in which you have denied the reclaim vouchers

[REDACTED]

2. This Office concurs in the ruling of the Finance Division that the reclaims should not be allowed. Payment of per diem under the Foreign Service Regulations and the Standardized Government Travel Regulations is discretionary and neither the maximum allowable per diem nor any amount of per diem has to be paid by the Government. Paragraph 44 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations states that:

"The per diem allowances provided herein represent the maximum allowable, not the minimum. It is the responsibility of the departments and establishments to see that travel orders authorize only such per diem allowances as are justified by the circumstances surrounding the travel. To this end, care should be exercised to prevent the fixing of a per diem allowance in excess of that required to meet the necessary authorized expenses."

This portion of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations is incorporated in the Foreign Service Regulations and in Agency Regulation [REDACTED] which are the regulations followed by this Agency in providing travel allowances for employees and their dependents.

3. In light of above it is the opinion of this Office that the policy of the Agency [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is in accordance with controlling legislation and regulations.

OGC Has Reviewed

[REDACTED]
Office of General Counsel

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